

corporate jet looking for the bad guys, breaking laws off the Florida coast. Volunteers from other agencies also served as volunteer Sky Marshals. They are all returning to their old jobs, but, I feel they deserve our special thanks for the work that they did to protect us. The purpose of this note is to encourage you to create a Congressional recognition program for my son and all of the other brave persons who served as a Sky Marshal volunteer during the recent emergency. I would not rely on the FAA or Customs to do an adequate job of recognizing these persons. Besides, they protected all of us, so wouldn't it be very appropriate for the Congress to come up with a recognition program. Something he could show his grandchildren someday. Thank you for your help on this.

Sincerely,

BOB DREMANN.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN R. THUNE

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 2002

Mr. THUNE. Mr. Speaker, on April 24, while fulfilling my responsibilities as a member of Congress and escorting President Bush to South Dakota, I was unable to vote on roll call votes 107 through 110. If I had been present I would have voted NO on roll call vote 107; NO on roll call vote 108; NO on roll call vote 109 and YEA on roll call vote 110. I ask unanimous consent that this, along with a statement, be placed at the appropriate place in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

POEM FOR VIETNAM VETERANS

HON. MARK GREEN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 2002

Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I submit this poem for the RECORD.

WRITTEN AND DEDICATED TO ALL THE
VIETNAM VETERANS

(By Boatswains Mate Robert W. Perry)

We were the men sent to Nam
We were there to save the day
And for protecting these people's freedom
We were paid about four bucks a day
We walked through these smelly paddies
It was always so damn hot
My buddies just kept dying
In a land that God forgot
We trudged through the bush with our six-
teens
Eating and breathing orange dust
We worked like we were on a chain gang
And always too tired to cuss
All the time them bullets kept coming
It was more than we could stand
Hell folks we weren't convicts
We were defenders for their foreign land
So when this life is over
And there are no more worries to stand
We're gonna do our last parading in the far
away
Promised Land
Once there, St. Peter will greet us and he
will yell
"Come on in you men from Nam, you've done
your stretch in hell."

Sadly missed by the American people. We will never forget their plight.

HONORING THE GRADUATE CLUB
AS THEY CELEBRATE THE 100TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR HOME
AT 155 ELM STREET

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 2002

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to extend my sincere congratulations to New Haven, Connecticut's Graduate Club as they celebrate their 100th anniversary at 155 Elm Street. Throughout its history, the Graduate Club has been a social institution in our community—bringing town and gown together for nearly 200 years.

Established in 1892, the Graduate Club was founded to provide a place where faculty and graduates could socialize and work. While there were many clubs, organizations, and public resorts, they were generally dominated by undergraduates. Their first president, Arthur W. Colton, Yale 1890, with a number of other men, held the first meeting in November of 1892 and adopted the name Graduate Club, only because the more common University Club was already being used by undergraduates.

The Graduate Club found its first home at the Ankell House where it remained until the Spring of 1894 when it was forced to seek other quarters due to the expansion of Yale University. It was in their second home on Chapel Street that members signed the Articles of Association. Blending academic and civic interests, membership grew and steadily strengthened the young organization. With the turn of the century membership continued to increase and a mounting waiting list continued to expand. It was evident that the Club had to seek a larger venue.

Closely following the bicentennial celebration of Yale University, the Graduate Club acquired the historic home of Eli W. Blake at 155 Elm Street. Though there was a need for alteration and enlargement of the property, a date was set for the formal laying of the cornerstone: April 26, 1902. The celebration of a centennial anniversary is always a special occasion. It is especially so for the Graduate Club because they are recognizing the anniversary of the establishment of their home. Being able to remain in the same building, particularly during the many phases of revitalization, is a great accomplishment.

What began as a means to distinguish a collegiate generation gap has grown into a popular and respected gathering place. You can often find New Haveners dining in the Club and it is sought out for meetings or social gatherings. It has become a true New Haven landmark. I am honored to rise today to join the New Haven community in congratulating the past and present membership on this wonderful occasion.

IN RECOGNITION OF METHODIST
HOSPITAL'S NEW STROKE CENTER

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 2002

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Texas Medical Center's Methodist Hospital as it dedicates its new Stroke Center on May 1, 2002, located in Houston, Texas. The dedication will provide the hospital with an opportunity to showcase the comprehensive new facility for the treatment and care of stroke patients.

Founded in 1919, Methodist Hospital, the anchor facility for the Methodist Health Care System, has earned nationwide recognition. Methodist Health Care System is a nonprofit, comprehensive medical service and health care organization. It has expanded the world-renowned clinical and service excellence of its founding entity, Methodist Hospital, through community hospitals, a health plan with multiple products and an acclaimed home health agency. Affiliated with the Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church, Methodist Health Care System strides to treat everyone it serves as a person of sacred worth and value.

As the primary, private, adult teaching hospital for Baylor College of Medicine, Methodist Hospital, directs millions of research dollars into patient care and offers the latest innovations in medical, surgical and diagnostic techniques. For the past eighty years the hospital has established a legacy of medical milestones that continues to attract patients from around the world. Its international physician referral network and affiliations with hospitals that span four continents, including information centers in Guatemala City, Istanbul, and Mexico City, have placed Methodist at the forefront of the world's medical research and education.

As you may know, much has been learned about the causes and prevention of strokes. In an effort to respond to those patients suffering from a stroke, who at one time were thought of as untreatable, Methodist Stroke Center has coordinated a multi-disciplinary rapid response system. This system consists of a highly trained team of experts ranging from neurologists, cardiologists, to rehabilitative specialist. The services provided are extensive and cover all aspects of stroke treatment. The Stroke Center is one of the many facilities within the Methodist Health Care System that has been nationally recognized by the medical community. In fact, Methodist Hospital was named among the country's top centers for urology, otolaryngology, kidney disease, ophthalmology, and neurology in U.S. News and World Report's 2001 Annual Guide to "America's Best Hospital." Additionally, the hospital is consistently ranked as most preferred in Houston's Biannual Healthpoll Survey and was recognized by Hospitals and Health Networks as one of "Health Care's 100 Most Wired" health care facilities. The medical staff includes dozens of physicians listed in The Best Doctors in America.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Texas Medical Center's Methodist Hospital for its eighty-three years of excellence and innovation in improving the quality of life and I look forward to the medical advances that will continue to emanate from its exceptional staff.